

The reorganization meeting of the Twinning Committee was held tonight. Members present were William Chambres, Penny Geikler, James McCann, III, and Mary Washington. Staff present was Nancy K. Gibson, Public Information Officer.

1. Ms. Gibson opened the floor for nominations for chair. Ms. Washington nominated James McCann as chair and William Chambres as vice chair. There being no further nominations, upon motion of Ms. Geikler, and approved by committee, the floor was closed for nominations. Mr. McCann was unanimously elected chair, and Mr. Chambres was unanimously elected vice chair. Mr. McCann assumed the chair.

2. Upon motion of Ms. Geikler, and approved by committee, the minutes of the January 2, 2013, meeting were accepted.

3. Under **2013 Lottery Report**, Mr. McCann reported three lottery winners in January for a total payout of \$75. Ms. Gibson reported total lottery deposits of \$3,340 to date. Since the lottery is the committee's only fund-raiser, Mr. McCann noted his disappointed that only Commissioner Sharkey purchased any lottery cards in 2012, and no Commissioners have purchased any so far in 2013.

4. Under Project Reports, the following items were discussed:

A. **Cheltenham UK Video:** Mr. McCann obtained a video of the history of Cheltenham UK, which he had converted to US video format. The Committee will review the video after the meeting to determine if it might be appropriate to air for local groups or on the Township's cable access channels.

B. **Twinning Archive:** Ms. Washington had no report.

C. **Exchanges:**

i. Scouting: Mr. McCann made a set of photos from his 2012 visit with UK scouts which he plans to present to local scouts to stimulate their interest in a twinning link.

ii. *Rotary Service Clubs*: Ms. Washington had no report.

iii. *School Students*: Ms. Gibson reported she emailed Cindy Rubino at Arcadia University in December and January to request an Arcadia contact to give to Dr. Tico Romao of the University of Gloucestershire, per his request to Mr. McCann during Mr. McCann's visit last year. She will email Ms. Rubino again since she has not responded to date.

iv. *Gym*: Ms. Washington had no report.

5. Under *Old Business*, the following items were discussed:

A. *Philadelphia Flower Show*: Mr. Chambres reported that the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society told him in early January that it was already too late to contribute anything to the show. Ms. Gibson reported that Township employee Lucille Dickerson was planning to feature Pittville Park from Cheltenham UK as her miniature entry to the show. Mr. McCann added that he assisted Ms. Dickerson with obtaining photos/postcards of the park. Ms. Gibson will ask Ms. Dickerson if her entry is complete and if she is willing to join Mr. McCann in a photo publicizing the Cheltenham UK connection.

B. McCann reported he plans to contact committee members who have not attended in many years to ask them to participate or officially resign in the next month.

6. Under *New Business*, Mr. McCann urged members to recruit new candidates for the committee.

7. There being no further business, upon motion of Ms. Washington, and approved by committee, the meeting was adjourned.



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Township Manager

Per Nancy K. Gibson
Public Information Officer